

## RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

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Wyoming Board of Agriculture Minutes  
September 7, 2005  
Conference Call

Members Present: Helen Jones, President  
Meghan Lally  
Gene Hardy  
Jim Mickelson  
David Graham  
John Etchepare, Director, WY Dept. of Agriculture

Youth Leadership Advisory: David Largent

Members Absent: Spencer Ellis, Vice President  
Lee Otto  
Ben Way, Governor Freudenthal's Office  
Frank Galey, Dean, UW College of Agriculture  
Emily Horton  
Leif Udem

WDA Staff Present: Jim Schwartz, Deputy Director  
Muff Parker, Recording Secretary  
Roy Reichenbach

The meeting was called to order by President Jones at 8:05 a.m. on September 7, 2005.

### **Issues**

John Etchepare update the members on the status of the wild horse roundup. He said it had gone well and the few that had been left were scheduled to be picked up. He also updated the members on the status of the draft bills and said LSO should have the final drafts out by October 1. He will ensure they all receive copies of the one he gets. The Joint agriculture Committee will be meeting on October 27 and 28 in Powell. John said they have several bills to review.

President Jones wanted everyone to be aware of the State Fair Advisory Board meeting to be held in Laramie on September 9. The Tail docking issue will be discussed at 3 p.m. She also wanted to know the status of the Pole Cat Bench area. Deputy director Schwartz indicated there doesn't seem to be much interest at this time but would keep the members informed. She received notification that Jack Corson from Albany County has been appointed by Governor Freudenthal. She would also like to see some sort of tree project for the fairgrounds at State Fair and asked each member to think about it and bring their ideas to the next meeting. Another item the members need to be thinking about before the next meeting is what meetings should members attend and which ones will they be reimbursed for. She asked each member to let her know what dates in November would be good for a meeting

Deputy Schwartz reminded everyone the State PAB would be discussing the draft bill in Douglas next Monday. Director Etchepare and Hank Uhden will both be attending. He informed everyone of the upcoming Bio-diesel Conference on October 13 in the Cafeteria at State Fair and the upcoming Roping the wind Conference on September 11 and 12 at State Fair.

President Jones said from everything she had heard, the Sage Grouse Forum was well received and thanked the department for their work. She asked Deputy Schwartz if he knew anything about the status of the Game and Fish funding. He said they have been narrowed to 20 projects that will go before the Commission this Thursday and Friday for funding approval.

Roy Reichenbach updated the members on the regulation to ban chicken litter from feed. He said the feds hope to have it published soon in the federal register and would like to have comments from the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen Jones, President

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Date